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Proposed Rule Change – Senator John Arch

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Rule 7, Sec. 3. Motion, in Writing, Withdrawal.

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(e) Any member may call for the division of a question, which shall be divided if it comprehends propositions in substance so distinct that, one being taken away, a substantive proposition shall remain for the decision of the Legislature. ... Such a call for division shall not be allowed for ~~the mainline budget bill, the deficit bill, the capital construction bill, and the funds transfer bill~~ bills listed under Rule 8, Section 1(b).

Rule 8, Section 1. Purpose. (a) The purpose of this rule is to provide a procedure for the Legislature to develop appropriations for all state agencies, boards, and commissions. Such procedure shall consider the need to (1) continue the services and financial assistance provided by state agencies and programs, (2) restrict the growth in state appropriations, and (3) provide for the efficient and effective use of state revenue by utilizing standing committee subject-matter expertise in the review of agency, board, and commission budget requests

(b) For purposes of these rules, the appropriations bills shall consist of the mainline budget bill, the deficit bill, the capital construction bill, the funds transfer bill, the bill making appropriations for the pay of members of the Legislature, the bill making appropriations for the salaries of constitutional officer of the Government, and the cash reserve fund transfer bill. The appropriations bills shall also include any instances of the aforementioned bills for the purposes of mid-biennium adjustments. These bills shall always be referred to the Appropriations Committee for purposes of public hearing and review.

(c) The bill changing judges' salaries as part of the standard biennial budgeting process shall be considered at each stage of floor debate following the appropriations bills listed above, followed by bills providing for approval and disapproval of claims against the state.